I have been a Helicopter and Airplane Pilot for many years and have participated in several Search and Rescue assists, none of which have been assisted by an ELT device.

I would strongly suggest, the FCC, FAA, and any other Government Organization not waste any further Sequestration money on R and D for these outdated devices.

ADS-B is the thing of the future and in the meantime, I would encourage you to continue monitoring 121.5 and 406 ELTs, but spend all your resources to pursue the use of SPOT and Spider Tracks GPS monitoring devices which are much more reliable, economical, and beneficial for all concerned.